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**Commonwealth of Virginia**

**RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR RULEMAKING**

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**Agency Name:** Board of Psychology, Department of Health Professions

**Chapters affected:**

<b>VAC No.</b> <i>(e.g., 4 VAC 20-490):</i>	<b>Chapter Name</b> <i>(e.g., Regulations Pertaining to Sharks):</i>
18 VAC 125-20-10 et seq.	Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology

**Statutory Authority:** 54.1-3605 of the Code of Virginia

**Name of petitioner:** Cathleen A. Rea, Ph.D., for the Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists

**Nature of petitioner's request:** To consider the issuance of a full-time license to practice clinical psychology to applicants immediately upon successful completion of their doctoral degree, clinical internship, and passing of the Examination for Professional Practice.

**INITIAL AGENCY NOTICE**

**Agency's plan for disposition of the request:** The Regulatory Committee of the Board will meet at 10:00 a.m. on September 10, 2002 in Conference Room 2 at 6606 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA to consider whether to recommend amendments to the licensure requirements.

**Comments may be submitted until** October 14, 2002

**AGENCY DECISION**

☐ Request Granted

☒ Request Denied

**Statement of reasons for decision:** The Regulatory Committee held two open meetings with interested parties to discuss the issues related to licensure prior to completion of a residency. After consideration of problems with the proposal related to mobility of licensure and concerns for public safety, the recommendation was that the Board should not issue a full license to applicants without completion of a residency. On December 10, 2002, the Board unanimously approved the Committee recommendation but also voted to explore the possibility of issuing a residency license for one year with the possibility of renewal.

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